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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: REPORTED DEMANDS FOR COL. MORGAN'S RELEASE

1. REQUEST EMBASSY'S NIACT IMMEDIATE COMMENT ON FOLLOWING  
AFP PRESS REPORT: QUOTE AFP REPORTS BEIRUT ULTIMATUM FOR  
MORGAN RELEASE. TA061727 PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH 1726 GMT  
6 JUL 75 TA.

(TEXT) BEIRUT, 6 JULY (AFP)-- A "REVOLUTIONARY  
SOCIALIST ACTION ORGANIZATION" CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY IN A  
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MESSAGE HERE TODAY FOR THE KIDNAPPING OF AMERICAN COLONEL  
ERNEST MORGAN LAST SUNDAY, AND GAVE THE U.S. EMBASSY HERE  
72 HOURS FROM 1800 GMT TO MEET CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

IF THEY WERE NOT MET, A MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO AGENCE FRANCE PRESS SAID, THE ORGANIZATION WOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LIFE OF COLONEL MORGAN, WHOM IT CALLED A "SPY."

COL. MORGAN, ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. MISSION IN TURKEY, WAS ON A STOPOVER HERE ON HIS WAY BACK FROM PAKISTAN WHEN HE WAS SEIZED BY ARMED MEN FROM A TAXI DURING HEAVY STREET FIGHTING.

THE U.S. EMBASSY HERE CONFIRMED ON FRIDAY IT HAD NO NEWS OF HIM. UNQUOTE.

2. OUR FILES SHOW A GROUP KNOWN AS "LEBANESE SOCIALIST REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION" (LSRO). FORMED IN 1970, ITS MEMBERS ARE SAID TO BE "ESSENTIALLY GANGSTERS", THOUGH SOME MEMBERS CONSIDER GROUP A VEHICLE FOR REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE. GROUP HAS 50 MEMBERS TWENTY OF WHICH WERE ARRESTED IN JANUARY 1973. LEADER SAID TO BE SAMI ZUBIAN. KISSINGER

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